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SUBJ: AIRCRAFT SALE: TOUCHSTONE OF U.S. MIDDLE EAST  
- POLICY

1. NOTIFICATION. PRESS, APRIL 29, PROMINENTLY REPORTED  
ADMINISTRATION'S FORMAL NOTIFICATION TO CONGRESS OF  
PROPOSED AIRCRAFT SALES TO EGYPT, ISRAEL AND SAUDI ARABIA.  
DRAWING ON DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN'S COMMENTS, PRESS CON-  
FIRMED NOTIFICATIONS PRESENTED SEPARATELY AND CONGRESS CAN  
DEBATE EACH ON ITS MERITS. PAPERS NOTED SPOKESMAN'S  
EMPHASIS THAT ADMINISTRATION CONTINUES VIEW "PACKAGE" AS  
BEING IN U.S. NATIONAL INTEREST, AS WELL AS  
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IN INTEREST MID-EAST PEACE AND STABILITY.

2. U.S. POLICY. EDITORIALY, GUMHURIYYA POSITED THAT  
AIRCRAFT SALE HAS BECOME TOUCHSTONE OF PRESIDENT CARTER'S  
MID-EAST POLICY. PAPER CLAIMED WIDE-SCALE ZIONIST  
CAMPAIGN UNDERWAY AGAINST CARTER WHICH COULD LEAD TO SHOW-  
DOWN BETWEEN SENATE AND PRESIDENT. ACCORDING GUMHURIYYA,

CARTER HAS ENUNCIATED POLICY WHICH SERVES U.S. NATIONAL INTERESTS REGIONALLY AND REJECTION OR POSTPONEMENT OF AIRCRAFT SALE WOULD BE VICTORY FOR ZIONISTS. SUCH VICTORY, PAPER WARNED, WOULD BE INFLUENTIAL ELEMENT IN FUTURE MID-EAST DEVELOPMENTS. AHRAH PREACHED MUCH SAME MESSAGE, WITH ADDITIONAL STRESS ON CLAIM THAT ZIONIST CAMPAIGN DESIGNED TO DIVERT U.S. ATTENTION FROM MAIN ISSUE: ACHIEVEMENT OF JUST AND COMPREHENSIVE SETTLEMENT.

3. OTHER ARABS AND NON-ALIGNED. PAPERS SEPARATELY REPORTED THAT EGYPT WILL CONCENTRATE ITS DIPLOMATIC EFFORTS IN COMING WEEKS ON OTHER ARABS AND NON-ALIGNED. VP MUBARAK TO BEGIN TOUR OF AFRICAN AND ARAB COUNTRIES SHORTLY, WHILE FONMIN KAMEL EXPECTED VISIT GULF. IN SAME CONNECTION, PRESS REPORTED SUDANESE PRESIDENT NUMEIRI TO ARRIVE CAIRO MAY 3, PRIOR TO VISITING OTHER ARAB CAPITALS. SPECIAL ENJOY, AMRE MUSA, DIRECTOR OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION AFFAIRS AT MFA, HAS REPORTEDLY BEEN DISPATCHED TO BELGRADE TO CONSULT ON AGENDA FOR UPCOMING NON-ALIGNED COORDINATION BUREAU MEETING AT KABUL AND NON-ALIGNED FOREIGN MINISTERS' MEETING IN BELGRADE, AT BOTH OF WHICH MINSTATE MFA BOUTROS GHALI SLATED TO HEAD EGYPTIAN DELEGATION. EILTS

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